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##### **Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation**

### **Status of international conventions and agreements affecting inland navigation**

#### **Note by the secretariat\***

#### **Mandate**

1. This document is submitted in line with the Proposed Programme Budget for 2021, part V, Regional cooperation for development, section 20, Economic Development in Europe. Programme 17, Economic Development in Europe (A/75/6 (Sect.20), para. 20.51).
2. The secretariat reproduces below an updated table on the current status of legal instruments on inland navigation questions and related international declarations, adopted both within and outside the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), as well as the progress in a number of their Contracting Parties since the pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport (13–14 September 2006, Bucharest).
3. The Working Party may wish to take note of the status of the legal instruments and decide on possible ways to proceed with those which have not yet entered into force or have a limited number of Contracting Parties. The Working Party may also wish to note that the texts of all legal instruments affecting inland navigation under the purview of the Inland Transport Committee are available on the Working Party website at <https://unece.org/texts-and-status>.

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\* The present report was submitted after the deadline in order to reflect the most recent information.

## II. Status of international conventions and agreements on inland navigation issues

<i>Legal instrument</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>New contracting parties since 2006</i>
1. Agreement concerning the Conditions of Employment of Rhine Boatmen, 1954 Depositary: ILO Director-General	Entered into force on 1 December 1959, 5 Contracting Parties: Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands and Switzerland	None
2. Convention relating to the Unification of Certain Rules concerning Collision in Inland Navigation, 1960 Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Entered into force on 13 September 1966, 13 Contracting Parties: Austria, Belarus, France, Germany, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia and Switzerland	Belarus and Montenegro
3. Convention on the Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels, 1965 Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Entered into force on 24 June 1982, 9 Contracting Parties: Austria, Belarus, Croatia, France, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, Serbia and Switzerland	Belarus and Montenegro
4. Convention on the Measurement of Inland Navigation Vessels, 1966 Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Entered into force on 19 April 1975, 17 Contracting Parties: Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia and Switzerland	Belarus, Montenegro and Poland
5. Convention relating to the Limitation of the Liability of Owners of Inland Navigation Vessels (CLN), 1973 Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Not yet in force, 1 Contracting Party: Russian Federation	None
6. Protocol to the Convention relating to the Limitation of the Liability of Owners of Inland Navigation Vessels (CLN), 1978	Not yet in force, no Contracting Party	None
7. Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Inland Waterway (CVN), 1976 Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Not yet in force, 1 Contracting Party: Russian Federation	None
8. Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Inland Waterway (CVN), 1978	Not yet in force, no Contracting Parties	None
9. Agreement concerning the Social Security of Rhine Boatmen (revised), 1979 Depositary: ILO Director-General	Entered into force on 1 December 1987, 6 Contracting Parties: Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Switzerland	None

<i>Legal instrument</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>New contracting parties since 2006</i>
10. Strasbourg Convention on the Limitation of Liability in Inland Navigation (CLNI), 1988  Depositary: CCNR Secretary-General	Entered into force on 1 September 1997, 4 Contracting Parties: Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Switzerland  Denunciation by Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands took effect on 1 July 2019	None
11. Convention on Civil Liability for Damage caused during Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, Rail and Inland Navigation Vessels (CRTD), 1989  Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Not yet in force, 1 Contracting Party: Liberia	None
12. European Agreement concerning the Social Security of Boatmen engaged in Inland Navigation, 1993  Depositary: ILO Director-General	Not yet in force, 1 Contracting Party: Bulgaria	None
13. European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN), 1996  Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Entered into force on 26 July 1999, 19 Contracting Parties: Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine	Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Poland, Serbia and Ukraine
14. Convention on Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste Produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways (CDNI), 1996  Depositary: CCNR Secretary-General	Entered into force on 1 November 2009, 6 Contracting Parties: Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Switzerland	None
15. Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC), 1997  Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Entered into force on 29 October 2009, 9 Contracting Parties: Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Romania, Serbia and Switzerland	Hungary and Serbia
16. European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN), 2000  Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Entered into force on 29 February 2008, 18 Contracting Parties: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine	Belgium, Croatia, Czechia, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine

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17. Budapest Convention on the Contract for the Carriage of Goods by Inland Waterway (CMNI), 2001 Depositary: Hungary	Entered into force on 1 April 2005, 16 Contracting Parties: Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine	Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine
18. Agreement concerning the determination of legislation applicable to Rhine Boatmen, concluded on the basis of article 16, para. 1 of Regulation (CE) No. 883/2004  Depositary: Administrative Centre of the Social Security of Rhine Boatmen	Entered into force on 15 February 2011, 6 Signatory States: Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Switzerland	Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Switzerland
19. Regional Arrangement on the Radiocommunication Service for Inland Waterways (RAINWAT), <sup>1</sup> 2012 Depositary: Committee RAINWAT	Entered into force on 18 April 2012, 17 Contracting Administrations: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Montenegro, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Switzerland	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Switzerland
20. Strasbourg Convention on the Limitation of Liability in Inland Navigation (CLNI 2012), 2012 Depositary: CCNR Secretary-General	Entered into force on 1 July 2019, 5 Contracting Parties: Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Serbia	Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Serbia
<i>Rehabilitation and maintenance of the Danube and its tributaries</i>		
21. Declaration on effective waterway infrastructure maintenance on the Danube and its navigable tributaries  The Danube Ministers Meeting, Luxembourg, 7 June 2012		Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Republic of Moldova, Romania and Slovakia

<sup>1</sup> This Regional Arrangement replaces the Regional Arrangement concerning the Radiotelephone Service on Inland Waterways concluded in Basel on 6 April 2000.

<i>Legal instrument</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>New contracting parties since 2006</i>
22. Conclusions on effective waterway infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance on the Danube and its navigable tributaries The Danube Ministers Meeting, Rotterdam, 20 June 2016		Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine
23. Conclusions on effective waterway infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance on the Danube and its navigable tributaries The Danube Ministers Meeting, Brussels, 3 December 2018		Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine
24. Conclusions on effective waterway infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance on the Danube and its navigable tributaries The Danube Ministers Meeting, June 2020		Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine